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TAGS: OVIP (JAMES R. SCHLESINGER) XG, NATO

1. THE FOLLOWING WAS RELEASED AT 3 P.M. LONDON TIME

OR PENTAGON CORRESPONDENTS.

BACK-UP INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

2. MR. ROY MASON, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE, AND

MR. J. SCHLESINGER, THE U.S. SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE, THIS

AFTERNOON SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATING

TO RECIPROCAL PURCHASING OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT.

3. THE MEMORANDUM, WHICH WAS SIGNED DURING TALKS AT THE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE IN LONDON BETWEEN THE TWO MINISTERS,

HAD BEEN UNDER NEGOTIATION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND WAS

PROMPTED BY A RECOGNITION OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT BOTH

THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES HAD FOUND IN

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NEGOTIATING ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS OFFSETS FOR BRITISH

PURCHASES OF U.S. DEFENSE EQUIPMENT, WHICH HAVE GREATLY  
EXCEEDED PURCHASES IN THE OTHER DIRECTION. THE APPROACH  
CONDUCTED IN THE MEMORANDUM IS THAT AN APPROPRIATE  
BALANCE OF RECIPROCAL PURCHASES SHALL BE STRUCK OVER THE  
PERIOD. THE OBJECTIVE IS IN LINE WITH THE PROPOSALS FOR  
RECIPROCAL PROCUREMENT BETWEEN EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF NATO  
AND THE UNITED STATES WHICH ARE BEING PURSUED BY  
EUROGROUP UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. MASON.

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